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LB 90

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does cease. Senator Connealy, you're recognized to close on FA271.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. LB...I mean, AM1631 would raise some corn checkoff and raise the money going in from the reserves. This would take the...this amendment would take the corn checkoff out of the Bourne amendment. It would say that the corn checkoff would not go up any farther than the underlying LB 90 would do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on FA271. Been a request for a roll call vote by Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: In reverse order, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request in reverse order. Please, Mr. Clerk, call the question...roll on the question.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1563-1564.) 7 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. I do raise the call. Back to discussion of AM1631. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'll be brief. But I think that we need to continue the commitment that we've made in the agreement as we...last two, three, four weeks, where we had a balance between the funding of the ethanol and the commitment to have some economic incentives. We have kept, in this amendment, LB 90...in the bill, LB 90, our commitments to the known issues that we...lie ahead. Admittedly, by 2010, it could be short. Remember, the cap...but remember, the corn crop is estimated, at this point. We don't...there's a lot of unknowns out there at this point. But the bottom line still is that we have kept our commitments over the years to ethanol program. This should be no exception, over the next few years. But this adequately takes care of it for the next few years, for those plants that are known to be on line. If the others can come on line, we will make those commitments. The state of